

STATE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD FACT SHEET

The State Board is the governing body of the Foster Care Review Board Program and as such reviews the activities of the local boards when necessary; establishes training programs for the volunteers; and, works throughout the community to bring awareness about the issues surrounding children in out-of-home placement.

Composition:

The State Board is composed of a representative from every county and in the larger counties with more than one local board, a representative is appointed for every three local boards. The term of service is two years, and members may be reappointed.

Duties:

All members of the State Board are required to serve on one of the three standing committees.

The role of the ***Best Practices Committee*** is to address local board feedback issues; identify and address trends; address issues pertaining to Findings and Elements; address issues pertaining to changes in board procedures; serve as “pilot members” for new initiatives; and introduce local board issues at the State Board meeting, when appropriate. This committee will also participate in advocacy efforts, when appropriate.

The role of the ***Outreach Committee*** is to raise public awareness regarding the need for Foster Care Review Board volunteers and the needs for foster and adoptive families. Members of this committee will develop recruiting strategies, including updating and maintaining a diversity plan, to attract volunteers to the FCRB from diverse communities and assist in identifying speaking engagements.

The role of the ***Continuing Education Committee (CEC)*** is to carry out the statutory requirement to establish training programs for local board members, including periodic in-service training. Members of this committee will identify training needs and develop regional and statewide trainings for local boards. This committee is also responsible for working with local board members to ensure compliance with training requirements.

Meeting Schedule:

The state board meets three times a year on the first Saturday of March, June and November at the Administrative Office of the Courts building. The entire state board meets from 9:45am to 12:50pm. A speaker delivers a presentation on a topic of interest from 9:45 – 10:45am. Training credit is received for this portion. The committee meetings are held from 12:50 – 2:20pm. All state board members are reimbursed at the state rate for lodging (excluding Maricopa County members), mileage and per diem expenses.

2016 Meeting dates are as follows:

Saturday, March 5, 2016

Saturday, June 4, 2016

November 5, 2016

If you have questions about State Board, please feel free to talk with your Program Specialist or call 602-452-3400 or toll free at 1-866-320-1959 for more information.